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1. The Regional Directorate for Precision Machinery, located in Bratislava, Dostojevski Street 32, governs all enterprises in Slovakia producing precision machinery. A similar directorate is located in Prague for Bohemia, and another in Brno for Moravia. The Directorate in Bratislava is subordinated to the Commissioner of Industry in Bratislava. In turn, this Commissioner is subordinated to the Ministry of Precision Machinery in Prague. The planning division of the directorate in Bratislava is subordinated directly to the State Planning Office in Prague. This arrangement was carried out during the year of 1951 in accordance with the Soviet system.

2. The organisational structure of the Directorate for Precision Machinery in Bratislava is as follows:

(a) Building and Investment Division.

This division is in charge of all investments in the field of precision machinery in Slovakia. In addition, this division is responsible for all industrial constructions and reconstructions within the framework of the plan for the industrialisation of Slovakia. The chief of this division is Mr Jaroslav Pavian, engineer, who is an expert and specialist. He is merely a paper Communist.

The total number of personnel of this division is 40 technical employees.

(b) Division of Finance

This division handles the plants payroll. It has 10 employees.

(c) Division for Material Supply:

This division is in charge of allocation of material for the various enterprises under the supervision of the Directorate. This division supervises the "state material reserve". In practice, this means that every enterprise which at any one time has a surplus of certain material must surrender it to the state material reserve. The state material reserve has its own storehouse houses. From the reserve, the above division allocates the necessary raw-material or finished products to those plants which are temporarily short of such material. In addition, the job of this division is to take care of the substitution of non-ferrous metals for other material.

The total number of personnel is 25 technical employees.

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(d) Forwarding Division

The forwarding division supervises contracts between the various enterprises as well as sets prices of individual products either for sale or for purchase.

(e) Exports Division

This division employs 20 persons and supervises the exports of precision machinery products. Most exports are directed to the Soviet Union and to the People's Democracies.

(f) Planning Division

This division is in charge of planning production in the various enterprises. This planning is carried out in the following way: The so-called basic number (smerne cislo) is fixed by the State Planning Office in Prague and transmitted to the regional directorates of the precision machinery industry in Czechoslovakia. These numbers are approximate for the various products to be made in the following year. The regional directorate transmits these numbers to the various enterprises within its jurisdiction. The management of the enterprise in turn transmits the numbers to the individual plants. In the planning division of each plant, the prescribed amount of production is broken down for the various divisions of the plant (mechanical workshops, machine tool divisions, etc). The divisions then prepare a plan taking into consideration all devices for the increase of production (stakhanovite methods, improvement suggestions, pioneer achievements, voluntary shifts, collection of old material, etc). This plan takes into consideration the individual output of every employee of the division. The plan is prepared under supervision and in cooperation with the basic organization of the Communist Party in the plant, with the trade union unit, workers' council and with the control unit for the fulfillment of the plan. The plan of the precision machinery production is returned to the planning division of the plant. This planning division then approves and fixes the production plan for the whole plant for the next year. The planning division submits its plan to the planning division of the whole enterprise (consisting of several plants). This division approves the plan and submits it to the planning division of the regional directorate for precision machinery production. The regional directorate (its planning division) prepares a plan of production for the whole region and submits it to the State Planning Office in Prague. The State Planning Office works on the plans from the whole country and adjusts them. The State Planning Office submits the plans through the Ministry of Precision Machinery to the government for approval.

(g) Division for the Control of the Fulfillment of the Plan.

The chief of this division is Mr (fnu) Nekula, engineer, age approximately 45 years, height 175 centimeters, heavy-built, square-faced, bald, wears eyeglasses, a devoted Communist. His deputy was Mr (fnu) Prochazka, engineer, [REDACTED] height 180 centimeters, thin, black hair combed back, wears eyeglasses, a devoted Communist.

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The total number of employees is eight persons whose task it is to control the fulfillment of the plan in the various enterprises and plants. Their task is also to exhort the workers to an increased labor output.

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